

# *Ireland*<sup>1</sup>

## RECOGNITION OF LOAD-LINE CERTIFICATES

*Exchange of notes at Dublin September 21 and November 18, 1931*

*Entered into force November 18, 1931*

*Terminated May 8, 1934*<sup>2</sup>

47 Stat. 2685; Executive Agreement Series 27

*The American Chargé d'Affaires to the Minister of External Affairs*

No. 380

DUBLIN, September 21, 1931

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the note of March 10, 1931, in which Your Excellency was so good as to apprise the Legation of the willingness of the Government of the Irish Free State to enter into negotiations for a reciprocal load line agreement with the Government of the United States of America.

Under instructions from my Government to whom the matter was at once referred, I beg to inform Your Excellency that the competent American authorities have examined the load line regulations in force in the Irish Free State and that the said American authorities found these regulations to be as effective as the United States load line regulations.

My Government accordingly is prepared to agree that, pending the coming into force in the United States and in the Irish Free State of the International Load Line Convention signed in London on July 5, 1930, the competent authorities of the Governments of the United States and the Irish Free State, respectively, will recognize as equivalent the load line marks and the certificate of such marking of merchant vessels of the other country made pursuant to the regulations in force in the respective countries: provided, that the load line marks are in accordance with the load line certificates; that the

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<sup>1</sup> Certain agreements between the United States and the United Kingdom were, or are, applicable to Ireland. See *post*, vol. 12, UNITED KINGDOM.

<sup>2</sup> Upon entry into force for the United States and Ireland of international load-line convention of July 5, 1930 (TS 858, *ante*, vol. 2, p. 1076).

hull and superstructures of the vessel certificated have not been so materially altered since the issuance of the certificate as to affect the calculations on which the load line was based, and that alterations have not been made so that the—

- (1) Protection of Openings,
- (2) Guard Rails,
- (3) Freeing Ports,
- (4) Means of Access to Crews Quarters,

have made the vessel manifestly unfit to proceed to sea without danger to human life.

Let me add that it will be understood by my Government that, on the receipt by the Legation of a note from Your Excellency expressing the concurrence of the Government of the Irish Free State in the agreement and understanding as above set forth, the reciprocal agreement will be regarded as having become effective.

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to your Excellency the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

JAMES ORR DENBY  
*Chargé d'Affaires ad interim*

HIS EXCELLENCY  
PATRICK MCGILLIGAN,  
*Minister for External Affairs,*  
*Dublin*

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*The Minister of External Affairs to the American Minister*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
IRISH FREE STATE  
*18th November, 1931*

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note No. 380 of the 21st September stating that your Government, after examination by the competent authorities of the load line regulations in force in this country, are willing to enter into a reciprocal Loadline Agreement with the Government of the Irish Free State.

I have accordingly the honour to inform you that the Government of the Irish Free State on the advice of the Minister for Industry and Commerce hereby concur in the terms of the agreement as set out in Your Excellency's Note, that is to say, that pending the coming into force in the United States and in the Irish Free State of the International Load Line Convention signed in London on July 5, 1930, the competent authorities of the Governments of the United States and the Irish Free State, respectively, will recognize as

equivalent the load line marks and the certificate of such marking of merchant vessels of the other country made pursuant to the regulations in force in the respective countries: provided, that the load line marks are in accordance with the load line certificates; that the hull and superstructures of the vessel certificated have not been so materially altered since the issue of the certificate as to affect the calculations on which the load line was based, and that alterations have not been made so that the—

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have made the vessel manifestly unfit to proceed to sea without danger to human life.

I am to add that the Government of the Irish Free State regard the Agreement as having become effective by this exchange of Notes.

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

SEAN MURPHY  
*For the Minister*

HIS EXCELLENCY

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